

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 10 is pending in the application, and is independent. By this amendment, claim 10 has been amended and claims 11 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-9, although being indicated by the Examiner as having been withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention, were actually canceled by Preliminary Amendment filed on September 24, 2003. Support for the amendment to claim 10 may be found in the application, as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Initially, Applicants note that claim 12 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections of the base and intervening claim from which claim 12 depends, and solely to expedite this case to issuance, claim 10 has been amended herein to include the features of allowable claim 12 and intervening claim 11. Favorable consideration and allowance of amended claim 10 are requested.

In formal matters, the title of the invention has been objected to. As set forth above, the title has been amended to read --METHOD OF PREPARING AN ELECTROMAGNETIC ACTUATOR USING A SUBSTRATE--. Favorable consideration is requested.

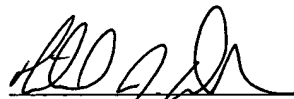
Claim 10 has also been objected to for use of the word "its." The Examiner's suggested amendments in this regard have been included in the changes made to claim 10. Favorable consideration is requested.

Regarding the art rejections, claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by JP 07-131136. Also, claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over JP 07-131136. In light of the amendments to claim 10 above, namely, by incorporation of the features of claims 11 and 12 into claim 10, these rejections are believed to be moot.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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